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Wisconsin Unions Plan To Challenge Catlin 'Gag' Law

Milwaukee. — Unions in Wisconsin are planning to challenge the constitutionality of the Catlin law which prohibits labor organizations from supporting their candidates in elections.

The Wisconsin State Federation of Labor advised its affiliates that labor attorneys believe the entire law is unconstitutional. It also informed local unions the provision of the law prohibiting direct financial contributions to candidates or parties is the only section which should be observed for the present.

The coming test of the law is being planned by Labor's Political League of Milwaukee County — the united political arm of AFL, CIO and independent unions in the area. The steering committee of the League authorized its union attorneys, contingent on approval of the state AFL and CIO bodies, to seek a declaratory judgment regarding questions of constitutionality and union rights arising under the Catlin Act. Under Wisconsin law, such a judgment may be obtained by any persons whose rights are affected and who wish to be given a full declaration of the law's intent and validity.

Purpose of such a judgment is to afford relief from uncertainty and insecurity with respect to rights.

High Court Lets Collective Bargaining Rules Stand

Washington. — The U. S. Supreme Court declined to review two lower court rulings affecting collective bargaining, thus leaving them in effect, and agreed to hear a third case during the current term.

The court left standing lower court rulings that:

1. A union has a right to know which employees have received merit wage increases in order to effectively police a collective bargaining agreement. The case involved the New Orleans Item and the CIO Newspaper Guild.

2. An employer must recognize a union that represents a majority of his employees even though no recognition election has been held. The case involved the CIO Auto Workers and Arinco Drainage & Metals Products. The refusal to review left standing the lower court decision that the company must bargain with the union despite the lack of an election.

The court agreed to take for review a lower court decision ordering the National Labor Relations Board to take testimony regarding the alleged failure of a union official to take the non-Communist oath provided under the Taft-Hartley Act in an unfair labor practice case. The board maintained the charge of non-compliance with the oath may not be raised directly in an unfair labor practices case.

The League is not planning any actual violation of the Catlin law at present in order to test its constitutionality but hopes its first course of action will show up flaws in the statute.

Meanwhile, the author of the law, Mark Catlin, Republican speaker of the house for the state legislature declared the law was completely constitutional in his opinion and that he thought its provisions would bar any labor voluntary organizations in the state such as Labor's League for Political Education and the CIO's Political Action Committee.

This view was challenged by the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor in its first analysis of the Catlin law. In a communication to all affiliates, the federation presents an opinion on the law's provisions (Continued on Page 6)

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TVA PAYS DEBT 14 YEARS AHEAD TIME

The Tennessee Valley Authority has paid off its outstanding bonded indebtedness 14 years ahead of schedule.

The authority turned over to the U. S. Treasury \$14 million, redeeming bonds due in 1963 and 1968 and completing payment on a \$65 million bond issue floated in 1938-39.

With the bond redemption total TVA payments to the Treasury from power revenue amounted to \$165 million. Additional payments for the current fiscal year will bring the total to \$210 million or well over half of the total power investment in the 20 dams in the TVA system.

District Council Reaffirms Pollution Control Stand

The Maine District Council of the Pulp and Paper Mill Workers reaffirmed its previous stand that pollution control should not be a burden on the Pulp and Paper industry alone. That a long-range program encompassing all phases of the economy should be part of any plan to eliminate pollution. Forty-five members of the council representing 15,000 organized paper mill employees in Maine attended the session on October 8 and 9 at the Madawaska Legion Hall. Following a statement by President Sylvester of the council, a resolution was adopted reaffirming the former position of the council. In the statement made by President Sylvester, the paper industry, he declared, should not be expected to bear the whole expense of installing waste and sewerage disposal facilities. The

councils stated position is that any long-term pollution control program in Maine should be supported by all responsible industries, by the municipalities concerned, and the State and Federal government. The council also adopted a resolution urging all paper mill unions to affiliate and set up a committee to assist local unions in affiliating with the council. A resolution changing the number of meetings to be held annually was adopted so that the council will hold one meeting a year. It was voted that the next council meeting will be held in Waterville.

Following the sessions of the council, a banquet at the State Restaurant was held. The highlight of the speaking program was Donald Nichol, Secretary of the Democratic State Committee. Mr. Nichol criticized resolutions adopted at the State Federation Convention urging that union members affiliate with political parties and suggested that union members affiliate with political parties whose principles and platform they believed in. Other speakers at the banquet were: Town Manager of Madawaska who greeted the delegates in behalf of the community, Mr. Aubrey Crabtree, President of Frazer Paper, Ltd., Vice President Fred Roschford of the Paper Makers, and B. J. Dorsky of the Maine State Federation of Labor.

AFL-CIO Merger

San Francisco. — The acting chairman of the National Labor Relations Board said recently that labor unions face a "boom market" in union membership as a result of the prospective AFL-CIO merger.

Philip Ray Rodgers, in a speech prepared for the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, predicted also that the merger will endure.

Rodgers asked and answered affirmatively the question about endurance of the amalgamation of the AFL and CIO into a 15-million member labor organization, due next December.

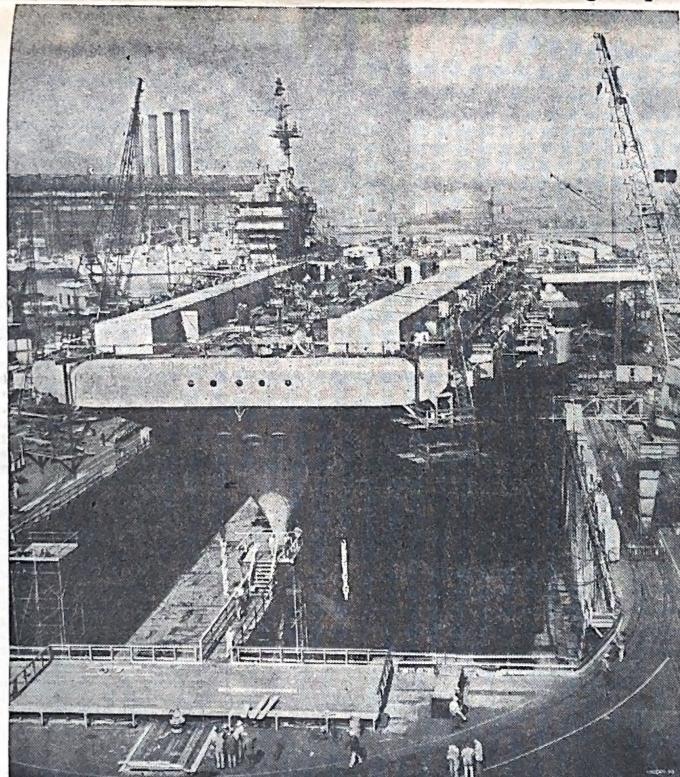
He said the merger will be "a notable success" and "one of the most significant developments which has ever taken place in the field of labor-management relations."

Rodgers, an aide of the late Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) in drafting the Taft-Hartley labor law, said he could not understand how "this prospect of increased unionization of American workers seems to evoke the great apprehension if not alarm in certain quarters."

"Certainly," he said, "no one can claim that unionization has an adverse effect upon either the standard of living or upon the soundness of the general economy."

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Skilled Labor Builds Another Mighty Fighting Ship



The most powerful vessel ever designed was christened Saratoga at the New York Naval Shipyard in Brooklyn by Mrs. Charles S. Thomas, wife of the Navy Secretary. Built by organized AFL craftsmen the Saratoga is almost five blocks long and over a block wide with the world's most powerful propulsion equipment. Of 60,000-ton displacement, the Saratoga is capable of more than 30 knots. AFL Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzer and Metal Trades Department Secretary-Treasurer Robert Gritts were among the labor officials invited to attend the christening.

Vanderbilt Signs With AFL Hotel Workers



Miami's Vanderbilt hotel signed a contract with AFL Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union calling for wage increases ranging from \$2 to \$6, job security, seniority planning, arbitration of all disputes, paid holidays, a welfare plan effective the second year, and a shorter week. AFL President George Meany, of Miami, for an address to the American Legion convention, witnessed the contract-signing ceremonies. Standing are: Hotel Workers' General President Ed S. Miller and Meany. Seated are: Bert H. Ross, left, vice president of the Hotel Workers Union, and Julius Jay Perlmuter, representing management in the contract signing.

L. L. P. E. Report

The keenest political observers in the country are unanimous in their opinion that next year's election campaign will be the most expensive in history.

At the same time, moves have been made throughout the country to tie up trade unions so that they will be unable to take effective action in electing progressive-minded men and women to Congress, the legislature and city hall.

In short, the big money boys are getting ready to elect their buddies to office while, at the same time, they muzzle the working people of America.

Let's take a look at what's happening—

For one thing, there is the recommendation of the Republicans on the U. S. Senate Privileges and Elections Sub-committee that political contributions by labor unions be completely outlawed. That's right — completely.

This recommendation was whole-heartedly supported by none other than the present Attorney General of the United States, Herbert Brownell, Jr.

An interesting sidelight of Brownell's support is the fact that he took a view directly opposite to that of one of his aides who had testified only six weeks earlier before the sub-committee that the constitutionality of such a ban on labor unions was highly doubtful. This aide, Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney, III, had even been sent to testify by Brownell.

Few people doubt why Brownell dislikes organized labor. After all, the working people of the country played a major part in preventing Thomas E. Dewey, whose campaign he managed, from becoming President.

For another thing, the Young Republican National Federation last June adopted a platform

calling for a law that would do the same thing. It said that "no person should be compelled, directly or indirectly (1) to contribute to a political campaign or political candidate, as a condition of employment, or pursuit of an occupation"

That is pretty language and very misleading. No one in the labor movement was ever forced to contribute. But you know and I know what the Young Republicans mean: Leg irons for labor.

Then there is the action of

the Wisconsin legislature and the Wisconsin governor in enacting a law to prohibit union members from being politically active. The legislation even bars unions from printing pamphlets endorsing or opposing candidates for office, and could be interpreted to mean that no political discussion could be carried on in even a union meeting.

Wisconsin thus became the first state where the corporate interests have actually imposed the corporate state upon their working people.

There is the further effort of the present national Administration to punish the CIO Automobile Workers for spending union funds for regular television and radio programs in which they supported various Democratic candidates, including Sen. Pat McNamara.

Brownell's Justice Department claims that the UAW violated the Taft-Hartley law. Brownell, who is the Administration's political master-mind, apparently thinks it's a crime for a union even to mention a political candidate on any kind of broadcast.

Brownell has never made a move against the oil billionaires who finance reactionary political candidates throughout the country. He's shown no interest in the ways corporations

violate the Corrupt Practices Act by indirectly slipping money to election campaign funds. He's never paid any attention to the raising and spending of huge "slush funds" by organized Big Business.

Then there is the statement by Ray C. Bills, Ohio State GOP chairman, who told Ohio Republicans in Washington that the thing he fears most in 1956 is labor's political activity. Friends of Bliss in the state legislature tried to put through a bill similar to the one passed in Wisconsin, but failed.

A few friends of Connecticut's reactionary Senator, Prescott Bush, raised about \$24,000 for him a full year and a half before election time.

Just imagine what the commercial press and anti-labor columnists would say if 24,000 union members contributed a dollar apiece to whoever runs against Bush.

The New York Times reports that Seymour Halpern (R) was given almost \$34,000 in his 1954 Congressional campaign against Rep. Lester Holtzman (D), who received only some \$4,500. (Nevertheless, Holtzman won.)

The Times also says that the candidates in the 9th Congressional district of Ohio (Toledo) spent a total of \$42,639.42.

In Chicago, the two main candidates for mayor this past spring reported that they spent more than \$850,000 in their campaigns.

The report of the defeated candidate, Republican Robert E. Merriam, who most revealing in showing just what his \$409,710.32 paid for. The itemized expenses were:

Headquarters rent, \$12,987. Salaries, \$30,073.63. Telephones, \$23,832.89. Expense accounts, \$5,864.58. Office equipment rental, \$1,656.42. Office expenses, \$16,252.14. Contractual services, \$22,064.42. Payroll taxes, \$5,813.51. Printing, \$65,721.09. Advertising, \$95,401.16. Miscellaneous, \$13,133.48. Primary Election Day expenses, \$18,280. Election Day expenses, \$95,850.

The point that I am making

is that AFL members must contribute voluntarily to Labor's League for Political Education to fight the anti-worker moves and to counteract, as far as possible, the huge war chests that are built up to send their enemies to the nation's capital and the statehouse.

As AFL President George Meany has pointed out, the foes of trade unionists have opened a new line of attack through politics and legislation.

Trade unionists can attain progressive legislative goals once they have marshaled their political power that by nature lies in the vast membership of the labor movement.

Marshaling that power is a job for all working men and

women. It means that they should contribute money voluntarily to Labor's League for Political Education, the political arm of the AFL, and support the greatest number of Americans.

IBEW NAMES BLANKENSHIP

H. B. Blankenship is new international vice president of the fourth district, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Gordon M. Freeman, new IBEW president, appointed Blankenship to the office left vacant by his own elevation. Blankenship worked with Freeman in Cincinnati, has been a member of the IBEW for more than 25 years, and is a member of Local 540, Canton.

OOPS! BEG YOUR PARDON

Hartford, Conn. — A worker puts his job on the line when he cusses out his foreman but if the cussing is instinctive and without premeditation he can probably collect unemployment compensation benefits.

A Connecticut Unemployment Compensation Commissioner rules that a 45-year-old Hartford worker who did it was not guilty of "wilful misconduct" and eligible for state jobless pay benefits.

The worker swore at his foreman and called him a liar after a hassle about a fan that aggravated the worker's arthritis. The foreman fired him on the spot. The commissioner commented: "What this claimant said was undoubtedly harsh. But it was said instinctively and without premeditation. It did not offend the foreman, nor cause him to blink."

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Negotiations have been completed between Local 340 and the A & P Tea Company for 52 drivers out of Portland, Maine. Effective wages October 15, 1955 thru June 1, 1956 — \$1.81, from June 1, 1956 thru April 1957 — \$1.96. April 11, 1957 thru April 11, 1958 — \$2.11, plus \$10¢ additional per hour for all work performed between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m. Three weeks vacation after 10 years and many other approved conditions.

A certification election was won by Local 340 for the employees of the A & P Warehouse, 99 for 340 and 2 against. Negotiations will start shortly to cover these employees.

Organizer, Paul Haney, assisted by George Burns won an election recently at the Sherman Lumber Company, Sherman, Maine, 69 to 24. Negotiations will also start at this company shortly.

David Hastings, Business Agent of Local No. 340, recently negotiated a 10¢ increase per hour for the regular employees of the Maine Potato Chipper Service, and 15¢ an hour for working foreman.

Negotiations will start soon between Local 340 and First National Warehouse.

David Hastings and George Burns will attend the Third Annual Eastern Conference in

Washington on November 1st thru 3rd. Brother Hastings is on the warehouse and transportation committee, and Brother Burns on the highway heavy construction committee.

Wanda Clentsman, office secretary, of Local 340 recently returned from a week's vacation at the lake, all tanned and waiting for next year's vacation.

Ray Nolles formerly employed at St. Johnsbury in Portland, has moved to Tampa, Florida.

Robert Peterson formerly employed at General Baking Company, has left for Fort Pierce, Florida.

Richard Spity, Jr., also formerly employed at General Baking Company, is now in Connecticut working for General Motors.

Stephen Parker driver for Johnson Motor out of Portland,

recently had the misfortune of breaking a wrist and has been out of work for 3 weeks.

Tony Cailla, driver for A & P, recently returned from a 2 weeks vacation in Tennessee.

Gordon Klerstead, employed at Robert's Express, Portland, has been out of work for several weeks due to an injury to his foot.

Robert Viles, formerly employed at Galt Block Warehouse, has gone to work for Westinghouse Electric Company.

Francis Crowley, employed at the First National Warehouse, during the summer season, has returned to his senior year at Holy Cross College.

Louis Clafet, steward at Pio Beverage Company, has been on 2 weeks vacation to New York to see his folks.

Gary D. Gentner, formerly worked for Savin Construction Company, has taken a withdrawal card and gone into the Merchant Marines.

Any members who know Brother Clarence Wiley will not

have to ask him a second time what it cost him to have his car fixed.

Thomas Winslow, member of Local 340 and driver for Portland Machine Tool Company, recently was passing out cigars in celebration of his seventh child, a baby girl, in addition to his six boys. Looking forward to a cigar again next year.

Lucien Boutin, steward at Hemingway Brothers, in Portland, recently left on a trip to Montreal for a week's vacation.

There are rumors around that Brother Boutin is about ready to take a wife.

George Lajoie, former steward at Yonkers Construction Company in Lewiston, is now owner and manager of Lajoie's Amoco Filling Station in Sabattus. Brother Lajoie will welcome all brother members and friends to pull up to his pump with an empty gas tank.

Norman Sylvester, member of Local 340 and formerly employed at Warehouse Transportation, is now the sole owner of Norm's and Bob's Gulf Station corner of Ocean and Washington Avenue. Brother members also can give a brother

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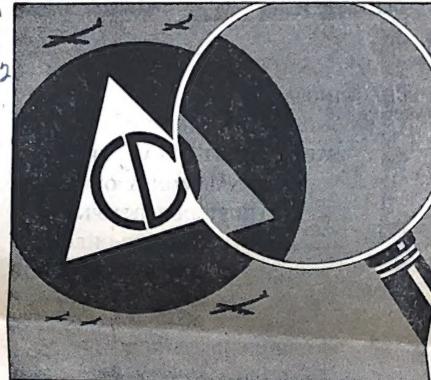
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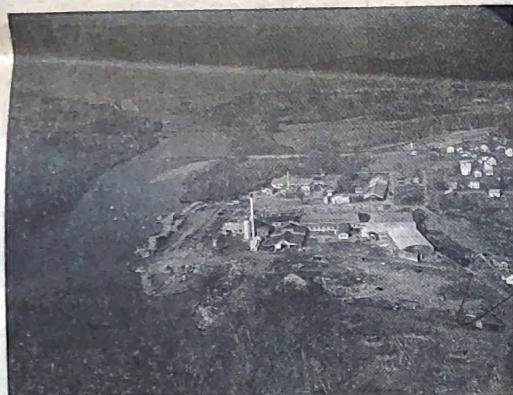
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Apprenticeship Best To Attain Skill

In a recently published article, Mr. Eli Ginzberg, Director of Research for the National Manpower Council, analyzed the methods by which the workers of this country acquire skills.

He points out that skill is always the result of effort, never of chance, and that no man is born skilled. Although, Mr. Ginzberg says formal apprenticeship is the "classic method by which individuals gain skill" and that "the best skilled work-

ers in terms of breadth, competence and versatility are those who complete a good apprenticeship course," he goes on to say that only one out of every three skilled workers come through the apprenticeship route.

According to Mr. Ginzberg, "the major source of skilled workers in our economy is the self-trained man who has availed himself of the opportunities to learn from his fellow workers, who has taken advantage

of such training as his employer offers, and who has supplemented this by attending night school or enrolling in a correspondence course". The article goes on to question why, if the job market has performed its function of producing in various ways the skilled workers which have made possible the economic progress which we enjoy today, is there any necessity for public concern or public action in this matter? The article further states, "however, no one knows what the rate of our economic progress might have been if we had a labor force with a higher level of skill, whereby five instead of one out of ten could read blueprints and every operator understood enough mechanics to set and repair the machine he uses."

The Bureau of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor, has taken definite steps to provide all workers with the opportunity to become more skilled. In addition to their major function of promoting apprenticeship training, field representatives of the

Bureau of Apprenticeship have been instructed to encourage the establishment of opportunities for already employed workers, particularly, journeymen, to keep abreast of technological developments in their trade and to become more proficient.

Such an activity is currently being carried on in the State of Maine. Whenever a situation is discovered whereby employed workers can benefit by the establishment of training programs or classes, every available means to accomplish this purpose is marshaled by the field representatives of the Bureau of Apprenticeship who are assigned to the State. Both public and private facilities are utilized to the fullest possible extent. Examples of past and proposed activities along these lines are — classes in cable splicing for electricians; courses in electronics in several locations; blueprint reading courses; and courses in shop mathematics for carpenters and for machinists and similar projects. The services of these men are available at all times to assist any group of workers who may wish to take advantage of this opportunity through the President of the Maine State Federation of Labor.

New York. — The AFL United Garment Workers Union has come up with a unique plan for caring for its members health — instead of bringing the workers to the health centers it will bring the health centers to the workers.

The union's executive board voted to establish a fleet of 12 mobile health centers for the use of members living outside metropolitan areas, mostly in the South, Midwest and Far West.

Union President David Dubinsky said the fleet would cost \$500,000 and would be patterned after the unit that has been operating in western Pennsylvania for five years.

The union has 15 permanent health centers in large cities servicing about three-fourths of the union's membership. The mobile units will take care of the 120,000 members in sparsely inhabited areas.

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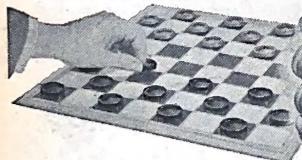
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Personal Income At All-Time High

Washington — For the first time in the country's history personal income topped the \$300 billion annual rate mark in May, the Commerce Department reported.

The department's estimates of wages and salaries, net income of proprietorships and partnerships, dividends and interest and net rents received by landlords hit \$301 billion in May, figured on an annual basis.

The May figures were \$2 billion ahead of April and \$14.4 billion higher than in May 1954. The April-May increase in private payrolls was widespread among industries, the department said, with all major manufacturing groups participating in the advance. Total factory payrolls increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1.5 billion in the period, result of higher employment, longer work weeks and increases in wage rates.

The Federal Reserve Board reported that another indicator of economic health also set a record — industrial production hit a rate of 138 percent in June, 1954 by 14 points.

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BY THE OLD RAMBLER

No doubt by the time that you find time to read this driv-
e, you will have been deer hunting. If you have gotten home safe, please accept my congratulations, for deer hunting today is no longer safe. Deer hunting is fast becoming on a par with automobiles as a method of causing death to those that go hunting, for there are more people than ever before that have money enough to buy a rifle that will propel a bullet two miles or more, so that when one aims it, pulls the trigger and releases a death-dealing projectile they never know what it will hit before its force is spent.

Back in the old days rifles were pop guns compared with today's guns. You all remember when the big game rifles were either 38-55 or 30-30 calibre. Today a man hunting with either one of them would be considered hunting squirrels the way we used to consider those that hunted with either a .22 or .33 single shot rifle.

Today a man to be in style must have a 30-06, a 300 Savage or Magnum. He must have telescopic sights so that if through the sights he locates something moving way over there against the sky line or in the brush, he can aim at it, pull the trigger and like the boy buying crack-
er jacks, wonder what will come out of it as a prize. It may be a deer but it can just as readily be a farmer's prize

I saw something white flash a couple of times.

The hunters who are Maine residents, as a whole, are good common sense people and do not generally go off half cocked, although we do have some that are just as crazy as anyone can possibly be. But deliver us from those who have never been deer hunting before, for they think that there is a deer under every bush and anything that moves must be a deer, and who helps create this fallacy? Well, here is a quotation from a Maine paper, maybe you read it, anyway here it is. "Camp operators and guides report they've never seen such an abundance of deer in the area." That of course is not all that is quoted but if you were a city guy and read it, what would you think? I imagine I could guess pretty closely.

Someday we will get realistic and have laws with teeth in them, so that any person proven to have shot another by negligence will suffer a punishment commensurate.

I love deer hunting and have always enjoyed going whether I got a deer or not, but for the last two years I have not been and do not expect to ever go again, for I'll be d— if I want to be at the mercy of some imbecile who doesn't know what deer looks like and doesn't care what he shoots at, just as long as he shoots something.

I know a fellow that goes deer hunting who is supposed to be color blind. Anyway a deer stood about fifty yards from him, right out in plain sight, so another fellow walked right up beside this first one and said look why don't you shoot that deer. Gosh I don't see any said the first fellow, about that time the deer started to move and he shot at it. Someday something is going to move and he is going to shoot. Let's hope it's not a man but it could be.

There I have got that off my chest and no doubt that's all, but anyway if you do go deer hunting, be sure you know what you shoot at.

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PORTLAND

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Employer Groups Out To Defeat Ohio Jobless Aid Betterments

Columbus, Ohio. — Employer groups are flooding the state with "false charges and misleading statements" in their attempt to defeat a referendum calling for improvements in the state's unemployment compensation law, Phil Hannah, secretary-treasurer, Ohio State Federation of Labor charged.

Hannah called on all AFL members in the state to turn out and vote Nov. 8 to provide a "more humane law to allow the unemployed and their families to live in greater dignity and decency while they search for work. It would mean a more stable economy during periods of lay-offs because the unemployed would be able to purchase the necessities of life."

Hannah cited President Eisenhower's recommendations to Congress for improvements in unemployment compensation laws and noted the Ohio legislature failed to meet these recommendations "even though Ohio employers can afford higher benefits and pay only one-half the rate paid by employers nationally."

The state federation official assailed employer claims that the bill would increase taxes as "not a true statement" because unemployment benefits

are not paid from a fund that is made up of taxpayers' money. He also assailed the "drone" theme pushed by employer groups as false, noting that no one gets paid for not working, that an unemployed person must be actively seeking work, must be available for work and must accept work.

The CIO and AFL in Ohio are united in support of the improved jobless benefit law and have the support of the Committee to Protect Standards of Living.

Ohio employer and business groups are actively opposing the measure and have set up a group known as the Ohio Information Committee to spread its opposition around the state.

The proposed measure would increase the existing maximum from \$35 to \$50 a week, the minimum from \$10 to \$15, and extend the duration period from 26 to 39 weeks as well as liberalize disqualification procedures in the present law.

The AFL Glass Bottle Blowers Association has called for a guaranteed annual wage plus a substantial wage increase to maintain an adequate level of purchasing power in the hands of its members.

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and Congress Square, Portland

